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Continued Examination (RCE)  
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Application Number	09/700,879
Filing Date	November 20, 2000
First Named Inventor	TAMURA et al.
Art Unit	1623
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**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.**

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to USPTO) on page 2.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. 1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does-not-wish-to have any-previously-filed-unentered amendment(s)-entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).

- a.  Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
  - i.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
  - ii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b.  Enclosed
  - i.  Amendment/Reply
  - ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
  - iii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
  - iv.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

2. **Miscellaneous**

- a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required).
- b.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

3. **Fees**

- a.  The director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 02-4035
  - i.  RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)
  - ii.  Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17) ( \$ \_\_\_\_\_ already paid for \_\_\_\_\_ month(s) extension of time on \_\_\_\_\_)
  - iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b.  Check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed (Check No. \_\_\_\_\_)
- c.  Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed) authorized in the amount of \$ 900.00

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4.  Provisional extension of time if needed. Applicants authorize any charge of additional fees (except issue fee) that may be required in connection with this application to Deposit Account No. 02-4035.

**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, AGENT REQUIRED**

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In re Application of: ) Art Unit: 1623  
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Appln. No.: 09/700,879 ) Examiner: L. C. Maier  
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**AMENDMENT**

Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of July 1, 2004, and  
the Advisory Action of October 15, 2004, petition and payment for  
a one month extension of time being attached to the RCE request,  
please amend as follows after entry of the amendment filed  
September 22, 2004:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims  
which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.

**Attachments** include copies of IUPAC nomenclature and  
classification of hydrazine and amino groups are attached  
following page 10 of this paper.

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